IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

**CHARLESTON DIVISION** 

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2327

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

PRETRIAL ORDER # 14

(Amended Master Complaint and Master Responsive Pleadings; Direct Filing)

On August 22, 2012, the court entered PTO # 12 (Master and Short Form Complaint and Master Responsive Pleadings; Direct Filing). [ECF 218.] On August 28, 2012, the plaintiffs filed a Motion to Amend Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand. [ECF 232.] In the motion, the plaintiffs seek to amend their original Master Long Form Complaint and Jury

Demand to include paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 setting forth allegations of jurisdiction and venue

which were inadvertently omitted. Defendants have no objection.

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is **ORDERED** that the plaintiffs' unopposed motion is **GRANTED**. The court **DIRECTS** that the Clerk file the First Amended Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand attached hereto, along with the answers of Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC, and Johnson & Johnson, also attached hereto. The court **DIRECTS** that the Clerk post these pleadings on the court's website.

It is further **ORDERED** that PTO # 12 is amended to (1) add the words "First Amended" in front of "Master" in paragraph A(1) and that "First Amended" shall precede the words "Master Complaint" throughout PTO # 12; and (2) likewise, references to "Answers" in PTO #

12 shall refer to defendants' Answers to the Plaintiffs' First Amended Master Long Form

Complaint and Jury Demand. PTO # 12 otherwise remains in full force and effect. The First

Amended Complaint does not substantively change the Short Form Complaint in Ethicon, but

does provide information needed to complete the Short Form Complaint.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2-12-md-2327 and it shall

apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district,

which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2-12-cv-

4946. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be

provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the

complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent

pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon

removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial

orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system

or the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov.

ENTER: August 31, 2012

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